

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)**

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON LOCAL COMMITTEE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES 2013-14 AND 2014-15

DIVISION: ALL DIVISIONS IN WAVERLEY

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This report provides an update on the 2013/14 and 2014/15 programmes of minor highway works funded by this committee as well as Section 106 (developer funded) schemes and central planned maintenance programmes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to:

- (i) Note the contents of this report.
- (ii) Request that the Local Transport Plan Task Group undertake a review of the arrangements for allocating the Lengthsman budget and report its recommendations to the December 2014 meeting of the Committee.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee wishes to maintain a regular overview of the progress of Highways schemes in Waverley.

1. INTRODUCTION AND ANALYSIS:**2013/14 REVIEW****2013/14 Budgets & Allocations**

1.1 Budgets available to this committee in 2013/14 were as follows:

| | £ |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Capital ITS (Improvement) Schemes | 262,000 |
| Capital Maintenance | 262,000 |
| Revenue Maintenance | <u>317,000</u> |

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Total **841,000**

And in addition

Community Enhancement Fund **45,000**

1.2 At the meeting of 14 December 2012 the Committee agreed that the above funding should be allocated towards a programme of improvement schemes (Integrated Transport Schemes: ITS) as listed at **Annex 1** with an estimated value of **£695,000**.

1.3 The Committee also made the following allocations towards revenue work:

Reserve funding for the Highways Localism (Lengthsman) scheme £20,000

Implement Parking Review recommendations £15,000

Jetter for 3 weeks £15,000

Ad hoc signs, lines, bollards, etc. by local team £10,000

Total **£60,000**

1.4 The **Community Enhancement Fund** was allocated to individual county councillors for Waverley at £5,000 per councillor.

1.5 At its meeting on 5 July 2013 the Committee considered Localism bids from Parish Councils and agreed that the **Lengthsman Scheme** allocation would be increased by up to £20,000 to a total maximum of £40,000.

2013/14 Improvement (ITS) Schemes

1.6 Progress for 2013/14 ITS schemes is included at **Annex 1** which confirms that the majority are complete. Capital expenditure for 2013/14 totalled £690,000 while £79,000 has been carried forward to 2014/15, see 1.8 below.

1.7 The planned **Longbridge crossing** scheme in Farnham was cancelled because development agreements associated with both East Street and the old police station are expected to provide greatly improved crossing facilities both at the junction with Union Road and immediately north of the bridge over the river Wey. Following discussion with the Chairman of the Committee and local members, the Area Manager directed the Longbridge allocation of £120,000 towards refurbishing the road table in Park Row, extending the Trinity Hill/Drovers Way traffic calming scheme, refurbishing footways in the town centre conservation area and re-surfacing (Local Structural Repair scheme: LSR) the Guildford Road Trading Estate service road.

1.8 Two schemes, **Cranleigh/Ewhurst Footway/Cycleway** and **Marshall Road**

Footway/Cycleway, have had to be deferred to 2014/15 because legal agreements to construct on third party land could not be achieved. Negotiations are ongoing for Marshall Road, while the Cranleigh/Ewhurst footway/cycleway has had to be completely re-designed to avoid land take. Both had 2013/14 allocations of £90,000 (so £180,000 combined) and this sum will be met in the current financial year by capital carry forward (£79,000 carried forward to 2014/15, see 1.6 above) plus £100,000 S106 and PIC 'free' funds (available S106/PIC which was not deployed for works completed in 2013/14).

- 1.9 The **Station Road Pedestrian Scheme** in Godalming started in March and was largely completed in April, since when it has had to be suspended pending the clearance of third party scaffolding associated with roof renovation at the Old Vicarage.
- 1.10 The Committee made provision against the risk of incurring costs against 2013/14 schemes in the current financial year by keeping £236,000 in reserve when allocating the 2014/15 budget at the meeting of 13 December 2013.

2013/14 Community Enhancement

- 1.11 At the end of March £44,810 of the £45,000 allocated at £5,000 per SCC member had been either spent or committed, so this budget has been fully utilised.

2013/14 Lengthsman Scheme

- 1.12 **Lengthsman** bids from Hambledon, Chiddingfold, Dunsfold, Haslemere, Farnham, Bramley and Western Villages were scrutinised and agreed by highways officers and a total of £39,910 transferred to these town and parish councils. There was a slow start to this new initiative in the first year, with parishes getting to understand what work they could undertake, and what work is classed as 'non-highway' and so outside the remit of the scheme. However, the budget has been fully utilised and the area highway team is generally pleased with what the parishes have achieved. See **ANNEX 2** for feedback from the participating councils.

2014/15 PROGRAMME

- 1.13 At the meeting of 13 December 2013 the Committee approved 2014/15 allocations as follows:

| 2014/15 Budget | £ |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Capital ITS (Improvement) Schemes | 262,000 |
| Capital Maintenance | 262,000 |
| Revenue Maintenance | <u>317,000</u> |
| Total | 841,000 |

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And in addition

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| Community Enhancement Fund | 45,000 |
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2014/15 Allocations

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|---|------------------------|
| Reserve funding for Lengthsman Scheme | £45,000 |
| Implement Parking Review recommendations | £20,000 |
| Jetter for 3 weeks | £15,000 |
| Ad hoc signs, lines, bollards, etc. by local team | £10,000 |
| ITS Schemes at Annex 4 | <u>£515,000</u> |
| Total | £605,000 |

Leaving £236,000 in reserve (841k - 605k).

- 1.14 As explained at 1.6 above £79,000 capital has been carried forward from 2013/14 which will offset the cost of completing delayed schemes.

Flood Recovery

- 1.15 At the meeting on 21 March 2014 the Committee agreed to allocate £50,000 towards short-term flood relief measures (small-scale drainage works) organised by the area team pending central programmes being announced. To date £25,000 of work has been undertaken or is on order including culvert repairs in Ridgeley Road (Chiddingfold), landslip clearance in Frith Hill (Godalming), ditching and pipe replacement in Culmer Lane (Witley) and Hook House Lane (Dunsfold) and other locations.
- 1.16 In May David Hodge, Leader of Surrey County Council, announced that £23 million additional funding would be directed towards flood recovery, including a new surfacing programme in addition to Project Horizon. Both are included at **ANNEX 3** alongside planned drainage, footway and structures programmes. The Committee is reminded that notices are issued to utilities companies for all large surfacing schemes which prohibits excavation for planned works for a period of five years, although emergency works and new service connections are exempt.

2014/15 Lengthsman Scheme

- 1.17 At the meeting on 21 March 2014 the Committee agreed to fund Lengthsman bids from Chiddingfold, Dunsfold and Hambledon Parish Councils, Haslemere, and Farnham Town Councils and First Wessex (Sandy Hills and The Chantrys, Farnham) and Western Villages to a total value of £49,561 and subject to scrutiny by highways officers.
- 1.18 The Committee discussed how Lengthsman funding could be allocated in future, with the option of dividing equally by division with the local County

Councillor directing expenditure, either directly or via town and parish councils. It is recommended that this is considered by the Local Transport Plan Task Group with a report coming to the December Committee meeting.

2. OPTIONS:

2.1 As discussed with members.

3. CONSULTATIONS:

3.1 Appropriate consultation will be carried out for all schemes.

4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 Works will be carried out by the County Council's term highways contractor, Kier, who won the term contract in a competitive tender process.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding.

6. LOCALISM:

6.1 Works and schemes are designed to improve and make safer the facilities for local communities in the borough.

6.2 The Highways Localism initiative allows parish councils and other local agencies to undertake enhanced maintenance of the public highway.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

| Area assessed: | Direct Implications: |
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| Crime and Disorder | Set out below. |
| Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions) | No significant implications arising from this report |
| Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children | No significant implications arising from this report |
| Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults | No significant implications arising from this report |
| Public Health | No significant implications arising from this report |

8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 The report provides information to enable the Committee to maintain ongoing oversight of its programme of schemes and associated budgets.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Officers will progress the programme of schemes agreed by the Committee.

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Consulted:

As described within the report.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Integrated Transport Scheme Programme for 2013/14
Annex 2: Lengthsman Scheme 2013/14
Annex 3: Surret Planned Maintenance 2014/15
Annex 4 2014/15 Waverley Local Committee ITS Schemes

Sources/background papers:

Local Committee for Waverley 13 December 2013 Item 11: 'Highways Budgets for 2014 – 2015'.
Local Committee for Waverley 21 March 2014 Item 9: 'Highways Update'